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Breakout Session: 2B

Wisconsin's Graduate Medical Education Grant Programs

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Objectives

- Discuss residency development and expansion grants including both the Wisconsin Rural Physician Residency Assistance Program (WRPRAP) and Department of Health Services (DHS) GME Grants.
- Learn from GME programs who established programs in psychiatry, family medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, and general surgery.
- Identify elements of successful grant projects, barriers, lessons learned, and initial outcomes.

WI GME Grants Overview

- Wisconsin Rural Physician Residency Assistance Program
 - Transformation Grants: supports innovation and planning for future initiatives. This includes developing a new rural GME program, creating a rural track to enhance an urban GME experiences, and other pilot projects to grow GME in eligible specialties.
 - Operational Grants: supports quality improvement and continuation of current programs. Activities may include rural rotations, curriculum development, and technical assistance.
- DHS Program Development Grant
 - Supports development of new GME programs with a goal of increasing the number of physicians practicing in rural and underserved areas of Wisconsin.
 - Provides up to \$750,000 per program to support development costs including accreditation fees, resident recruitment, faculty and staff salaries,
- DHS Expansion Grant
 - Grants support expansion of GME positions in existing programs by providing up to \$150,000 of funding per position with a maximum of \$450,000 per hospital.
 - Designed to maximize the exposure of new residents to rural clinical practice – commitment to at least eight (8) weeks of rural training must be included.

Early Outcomes of GME Grants

- DHS Grants: Creation of **149** additional residency slots leading to an additional **54** physicians each year. Examples of programs supported include Family Medicine, Psychiatry , OB/GYN, Surgery, Emergency Medicine Fellowships, Hospitalist Fellowship, Family Medicine with OB Fellowship.
- WRRPRAP Grants: Wisconsin Programs supporting rural GME grew from **62** positions in 2010 to **307** positions in 2022.
- Data collected by WCRGME in 2021 shows **65%** of rural residency program graduates are practicing in rural Wisconsin communities. This is higher than the national average of 50%.

GME Grant Success Stories

- Aurora Lakeland
- MCW Psychiatry
- Gundersen
- UW Obstetrics and Gynecology

Aurora Lakeland – Jacob Bidwell, MD



MCW Psychiatry – Carlyle Chan, MD



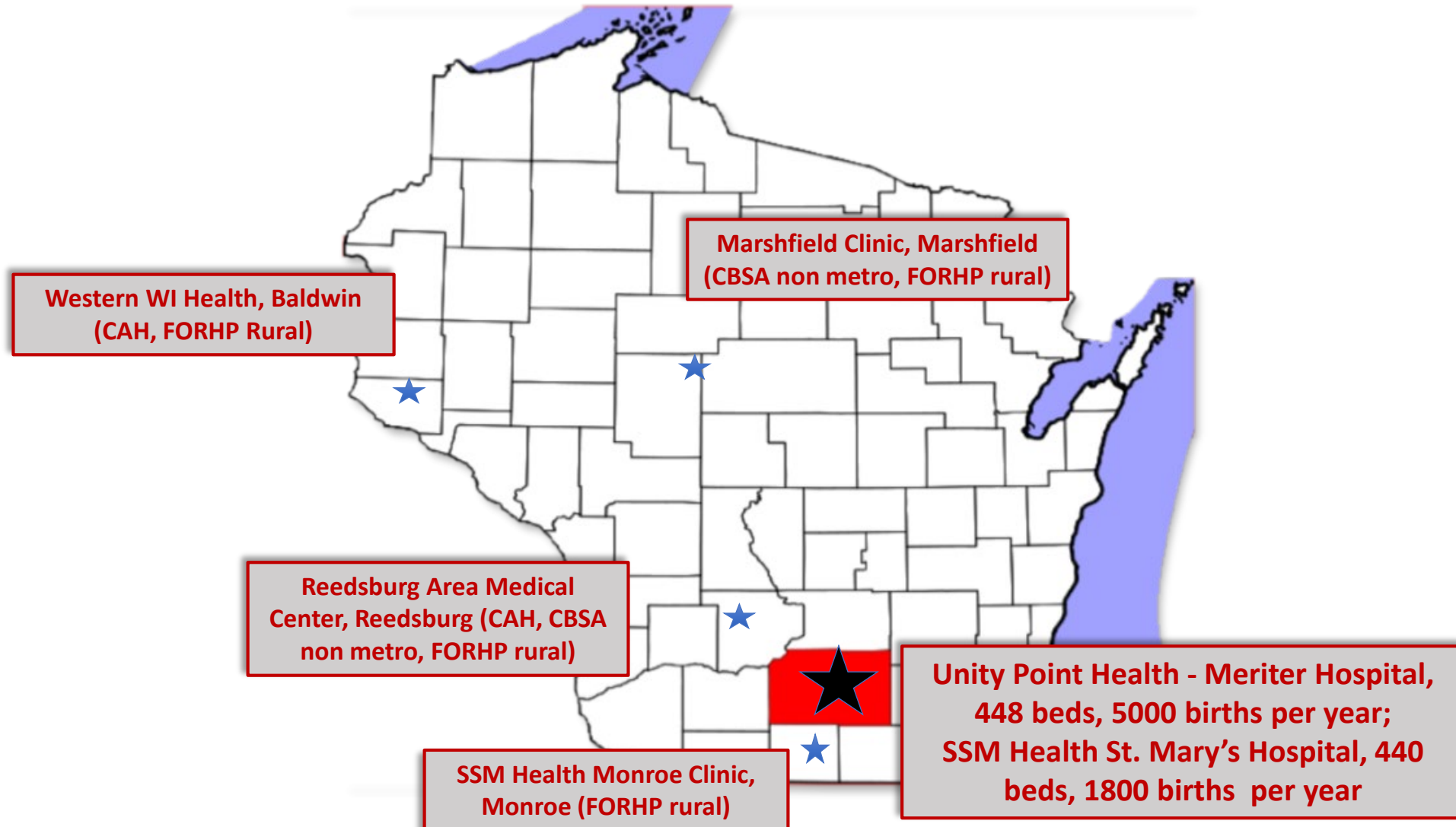
Gundersen Health System – Bryan Hall



UW OB/GYN – Ryan Spencer, MD



Current Rural Track Partners



Current Grant Support

- Continuous funding through the Wisconsin Rural Physicians Residency Assistance Program (WRPRAP) since 2017
- Graduate Medical Education OB/GYN Residency Expansion Grant
Source: State of Wisconsin Department of Health Service (DHS)

5-year Mean Comparative Procedure Volumes (PGY3-4)

	Rural PGY3	Main PGY3		Rural PGY4*	Main PGY4
SDEL	251	240		261.3	264.5
CDEL	184	191		232.5	279
ODEL	20.3	20		33.5	42
OBUS	73.3	78		85.5	92
AHYST	13.3	14.3		19	24.5
VHYST	15.3	8.7		29.5	23.5
LHYST	36.7	38.7		84	88
MIH	52	47.3		113.5	111
THYST	65.3	61.7		132.5	136
ISPF	25	18.7		42.5	49.5
CSYTO	36.7	35		71.5	86.5
LAPS	47.7	53		73	85
OHYST	69.3	69.3		88.5	98.5
ABORT	61.7	111		92.5	154.5
TVUS	44.7	45.3		61.5	72.5

*Includes a 3-month medical leave for one Rural Track resident

Panel Discussion



Break and Visiting Exhibitors

1:55 – 2:15PM

After the break, please move to your chosen breakout session. Presentation titles and room assignments are on your on-site agenda.